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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

DAVIS ENTERPRISE: A bond beyond walls: Cohabitants have much in common at Muir Commons

Then: In 1991, a group of people moving into a West Davis community saw their dream take shape. Actually, they made their dream take shape.

<http://www.davisenterprise.com/articles/2005/03/21/news/0285new0.txt>

BUSINESS WIRE: Last of Five Federally-Funded HOPE VI Projects in San Francisco: Valencia Gardens, is Officially under Construction as Future "Gateway to the Mission"

Infamous 1940s Era Housing Project is Gone; Residents Attend Ceremony for Design They Helped Create; Revitalization Increases Total Number of Homes

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20050321005275&newsLang=en

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

SACRAMENTO BEE: High hopes for condo towers/ A developer planning a 53-story project downtown needs to find buyers for half the units to gain financing for the first phase.

John Saca is selling pieces of Sacramento's blue sky - complete with high-end restaurants, maid service and massages.

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/12605412p-13459728c.html>

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER-- Tenants to protest Ellis Act evictions

A group of 20 low-income South of Market tenants are the latest to face eviction this month in what landlord and tenant attorneys agree has become a rising tide of such actions under the state's Ellis Act, which allows property owners to take housing units off the rental market entirely.

http://www.sfexaminer.com/articles/2005/03/21/news/20050321_ne04_ellisact.txt

LAND USE / PLANNING

DAVIS ENTERPRISE: SACRAMENTO -- UCD students dream of Sacramento green

From offices on the 11th floor of the Wells Fargo Building downtown, Professor Mark Francis gestured out the window.

"You can see it from here," he said, pointing north.

"It" in his mind eye is a fabulous new urban park larger than Central Park in New York City. It is about 200 times larger than Central Park in Davis -- which Francis helped design.

<http://www.davisenterprise.com/articles/2005/03/21/news/286new2.txt>

SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT: OCCIDENTAL-- School's reincarnation/ Developer's plans keep Harmony School buildings intact

West County builder Orrin Thiessen is ready to take his plans for Occidental's Harmony Village - a complex of homes, condominiums, offices and a performing arts center - to the county for approval.

<http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050322/NEWS/503220333/1033/NEWS01>

SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL: SANTA CRUZ-- Polluted downtown S.C. parcel certified clean; condos planned

Several months and \$3 million later, a River Street parcel has been given a clean bill of health for potential development.

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2005/March/22/local/stories/04local.htm>

MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD: Water board hears updates on desal plans/ Orange County recycling project impresses panel

Monterey Peninsula water board directors heard updates Monday night on a number of ongoing projects bent on solving the county's water needs, including two competing desalination projects and an ambitious project that would turn recycled wastewater into safe drinking water.

<http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/mcherald/11199611.htm>

MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD: Lawsuit threatened over river/ Group says overpumping harms life in Carmel River

The Elkhorn Slough Coalition has put the Bush administration on notice that it plans to sue two federal agencies and California American Water Co. over the effects of overpumping on the Carmel River.

<http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/mcherald/11199616.htm>

MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD: CSUMB students weigh in on project/ University Villages development

While many of their peers are off enjoying the splendors of spring break, a dozen or so CSU-Monterey Bay students on Monday took up the weighty issue of weighing in on the University Villages development.

<http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/mcherald/11199617.htm>

FRESNO BEE: Reedley eyes limits to ease growing pains/ Officials consider construction cap, hope move averts state moratorium.

Faced with a housing boom, the Reedley City Council will consider imposing limitations on growth for the second time in five years. \

<http://www.fresnobee.com/local/story/10175504p-10992702c.html>

REAL ESTATE

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER-- Inexpensive real estate spurs growth along busy corridor

Drawn to the northeast corner of the Bay Area by cheaper real estate in Vallejo, Fairfield, Antioch and beyond, commuters are increasingly willing to put up with longer commutes in order to own a home.

http://www.sfexaminer.com/articles/2005/03/21/news/20050321_ne02_trans2.txt

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

DESERT SUN EDITORIAL: Don't let the sun set on the Coachella Valley Enterprise Zone

Enterprise zones provide tax breaks for employers and new equipment purchases to companies willing to locate within the zone. All zones have 15- year lifespans.

<http://www.thedesertsun.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050321/OPINION01/503210341/1047/NEWS01>

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS: City lobbies to prolong redevelopment cash cow

Thirty-one years ago, the joke was that the only blight city officials could find in rural North San Jose was pear blight.

http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/states/california/the_valley/11199197.htm

GOVERNMENT SITES:

California Dept. of Finance – Governor's Budget

http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD_DOCS/Bud_link.htm

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development - Press Releases

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/>

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – Housing Policy Development Bibliographies

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/biblio.html>

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – HCD Web News

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/news/clips.html>

Today's Focus at HUD [HTTP://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html](http://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html)

The United States General Accounting Office-GAO Reports

<http://www.gao.gov/audit.htm>

Federal Register, Today's Table of Contents

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html

Federal Register, Year 2005 Recent Table of Contents

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html

U.S. Census Bureau – News Releases

<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/>

U.S. Census 2000 <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/2khome.htm>

California Supreme Court Decisions /

California Courts of Appeal Decisions (last 100 days are posted in full text)

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/>

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